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TOPIC Airfield of GDYNIA-BARIEDOLY

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1. The GDYNIA-BARIEDOLY (J 58/Y 45) airfield, heavily damaged at the end of the war, was littered with 2,000 to 3,000 wrecked guns and motor vehicles.
2. The field was repaired between January 1947 and February 1948 by 450 German PWs. The PWs were assigned to Polish Air Force Construction Bn No. 1, composed of 60 men under the command of Major (later Colonel) RACZYNSKI, who was later replaced by a Polish captain and transferred to the Air Ministry. Polish soldiers stated that RACZYNSKI, who had manipulated contracts for cement to such an extent that the concrete did not meet the required standards, was executed in January 1948.
3. The two old runways, each of which was 260 x 5,800 feet, had been damaged by 180 bomb craters that were being filled. A taxiway, 50 feet wide, with a 6-inch concrete surface, was being constructed parallel to the east-west runway, with which it was connected by various lanes 330 feet apart. The two ends of the runways were connected by an 50-foot taxiway of the same construction. A hangar, which had been dismantled in BRESLAU (P 52/G 41), was being re-assembled and a concrete apron laid in front of it. A five-story barracks building was under repair.
4. February 1948
The construction work, including leveling the runway, was completed by February 1948. A small PW detail had to stay to tear up and rebuild the badly constructed runway.
5. The airfield was occupied by the following aircraft:
36 fighters (in-line engines; single seats; pointed wing tips) eight to nine IL-2s. Some commercial aircraft (temporarily stationed there). There was intensive flying.

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